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Sent: 9/23/2019 5:05:19 PM
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CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Glenn, William [Glenn.William@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: KQED Follow Up

When would be a good time to check back?

From: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 10:05 AM
To: Ted Goldberg <tgoldberg@KQED.org>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: KQED Follow Up

Hi Ted,

Nothing additional to share at this time.

On Sep 23, 2019, at 12:47 PM, Ted Goldberg <tgoldberg@kqed.org> wrote:

Ernesta:

My name is Ted Goldberg and I'm an editor at KQED in San Francisco.

Hope you're well.

My colleague, Peter Jon Shuler, reached out to you last week about President Trump's remarks that the EPA will be "putting out a notice" of violations in San Francisco related to the city's homeless problem.

Your response – that EPA does not comment on potential enforcement actions – attributing an EPA spokesperson – was included in our reporting. Thank you for your response.

We also reached out to local and state regulators and city officials and they all said they couldn't find evidence that needles and other waste from San Francisco's homeless population were flowing through storm drains into the ocean. These included agencies that are responsible for investigating these types of things.

And, often EPA will coordinate with these agencies when tracking environmental problems. In this case that didn't happen.

Without commenting on any potential enforcement action, can you pass along any information related to EPA's scrutiny of this issue in general?

And, given that the president discussed a potential enforcement action in this case, it appears that the agency's rules on discussing such cases were broken, which would indicate that you can indeed discuss them.

Can you shed any light on all of this?

Can you confirm that there is no investigation and that EPA does not plan on issuing a notice of violation to San Francisco for this?

I'm working on a 5pm PST deadline.

Thanks,

Ted
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